

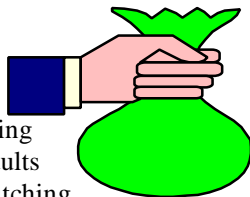
# The Pipeline

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## Prevent Mishaps for a Safe, Fun Halloween

By Kim Brannock



Children across the state are selecting their Halloween costumes while adults are buying candy for the most bewitching night of year. But while you are thinking about costumes and candy, don't forget about safety. If children follow some simple safety tips, they will have a fun and safe evening.

"Halloween can be one of the most dangerous nights of the year for children," said Darlene Goodrich coordinator of the Kentucky SAFE KIDS Coalition in the Department for Public Health. "Most trick-or-treating injuries happen because of unsafe costumes, motor vehicles or collected candy. Before a child goes out trick-or-treating, parents should make sure the child's costume is safe, and important safety rules have been reviewed."

Goodrich said the first safety rule is adult supervision, especially for young children. If an older child wants to go without an adult, then that child should go with a group for protection, she said.

"Trick-or-treating is an exciting activity for children. Since fewer homes participate in trick-or-treating, sometimes children get in a hurry when they see a light on at a house and they forget about safety," Goodrich said.

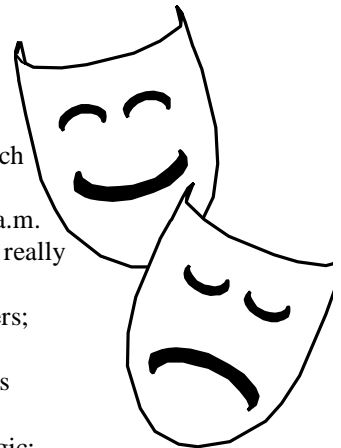
### **These general rules can prevent a scary experience:**

- \* Tell children not to eat treats before they are checked at home for tampering.
- \* Teach your child his or her phone number.
- \* Instruct older children to travel only in familiar areas and along an established route.
- \* Set a time for older children to return home.
- \* Instruct children never to enter a home or an apartment building unless accompanied by supervising adult.
- \* Restrict their trick-or-treating visits to homes with porch or outside lights illuminated.
- \* Adults should remove breakable items or obstacles such as tools, ladders and children's toys from their lawns, steps and porches.

## CFC Family Follies

For only \$5 you can get a boxed lunch and great entertainment at the CFC Family Follies on Nov. 4 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the CHR cafeteria. You really can't afford to miss:

- the Country Rockers line dancers;
- Carol Mahoney pantomiming "Ahab the Arab" and "Red Sails in the Sunset";
- Clark Rowland performing magic;
- Ronnie Dunn singing "El Shaddiah";
- Bonnie Haydon singing "Love Can Build a Bridge" and "The Kiss";
- the Chris Simpson, Todd Mobley, and David Clark band;
- Charlotte Hardin singing and signing;
- Gina Carter-Smith and Buddy Irving singing "Nobody Loves Me Like You Do";
- the Dream Ghouls lip-synching "Shoop-Shoop"; and
- Debbie Burton, Janice Boone, Gail Cummins, Peggy Chandler, and Yvonne Oliver singing "It's My Party."



Master of Ceremonies Tim Culver, from United Way of Franklin County, will introduce the acts, present awards at the end of the show, and announce door-prize winners.

For tickets -- or more information, call:

- Debbie Armstrong, 564-7770
- Caroline Turner, 564-4714
- Laura Eades, 564-2136
- Bonnie Cox, 564-5028
- Renee Ruble, 564-2285, ext. 401.

Tickets are available in advance or at the door before the performance.



# Unique Investigator Pilot Project a Big Success

By Kathy Adams

The Division of Child Support and the Attorney General's Office are celebrating the success of a special collaborative pilot project in two uniquely different areas of the state. "Some parts of the state have a general lack of concern for child support issues compared to other criminal processes and, therefore, have problems with serving child support summonses and warrants," said Child Support Division Director Steven P. Venno. "We have been able to implement a very successful project that works within the cultural differences in Kentucky's rural and urban areas."

In April, through a special contract, the Attorney General's Office hired two investigators, one in Western Kentucky and one in Eastern Kentucky. Each investigator works closely with the state child support staff and local officials to serve child support summonses and warrants, many of which have gone unserved by local law enforcement for several years. They also look into cases where there is reason to believe that a non-custodial parent's income or assets are questionable.

Just six months into the project, more than 150 families have benefited from the investigators' special skills and cultural knowledge.

With an extensive military background and a license in private investigation, Robert Hobbs, the Western Kentucky investigator, has had great success in locating elusive non-custodial parents. After educating local law enforcement officers about the importance of child support, he was appointed as a special bailiff in each of the counties he serves. Other than arrest power, he has complete authority to serve child support summonses and warrants.

In the mountains of Eastern Kentucky, close ties with law enforcement and knowledge of the culture have been key to identifying and locating non-custodial parents and their hidden assets. Where kinship ties run deep, it's often "who you know and where you go" that gets things done.

"I know what I'm doing is effective," said Kenny Champion, the Eastern Kentucky investigator. As one grateful mother expressed in a phone call to the investigator, "This morning my children were able to have sausage with their eggs and a choice of milk or juice, not whatever I was able to afford."

To build on these successes, staff are planning to expand the program to other areas of the state.



## Central Office Notes and Activities

- ✓ **Halloween Walk with the Animals.** Help bring back the animals to the Game Farm and have a SUPER Natural Halloween at the Dr. James C. Salato Wildlife Education Center. Cost is \$3 per person on Oct. 29, 30, and 31 from 5 – 8 p.m. The center is located at the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Game Farm on US 60, just west of Frankfort. For more information call 1-800-858-1549.
- ✓ **Buy a CHS-KECC Cookbook.** This \$7 cookbook is filled with delicious recipes from CHS employees. They make great Christmas gifts. All proceeds benefit the Kentucky Employee Charitable Campaign. Cookbooks are available at the 4th floor information desk in the CHR building. You can make checks payable to KECC.
- ✓ **CHS will be serving MOONLITE BARBQ and BURGEO** of Owensboro on Thursday, Nov. 5, at 11:30 in the cafeteria. All proceeds will go to KECC. Price includes a sandwich, bowl of burgoo, and chips.
- ✓ **Capital City Optimist Club** which sponsors and supports the Special Friends Mentoring Program, will hold a dinner theater on Thursday and Friday evening, Nov. 12 and 13, at the First Baptist Church to raise money for their youth projects. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., and the show will start at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person. To make reservations, call Peggy Williams at 223-1379.
- ✓ **Wakeup Wednesday, Nov. 18:** "Humor Me: The Positive Effects of Humor in the Workplace." Presented by Priscilla McCowan in the the Health Services Auditorium from 8:30 – 10 a.m.

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